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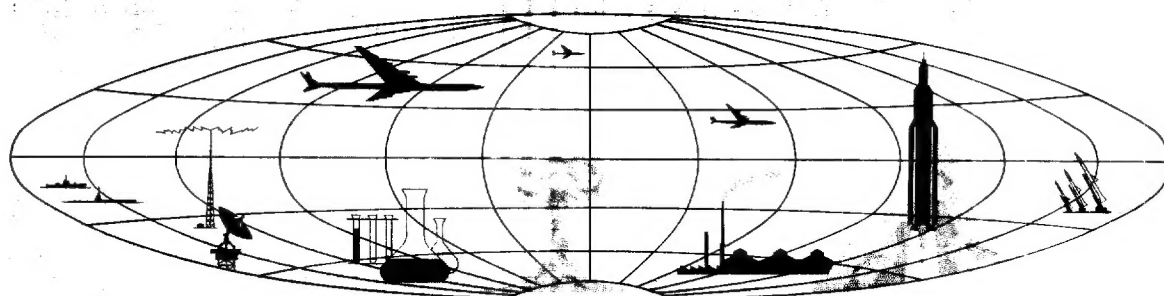


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PREFACE

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In the interest of uniformity, the titles and letter designators for the facilities observed at these installations are identical with those appearing in the project requirement. When a specific facility is not observed both its title and letter designator are omitted in the report.

Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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SHERLOVAYA ARMY BARRACKS
(50-31N 116-23E)
SHERLOVAYA GOYA, CHITA OBLAST, USSR

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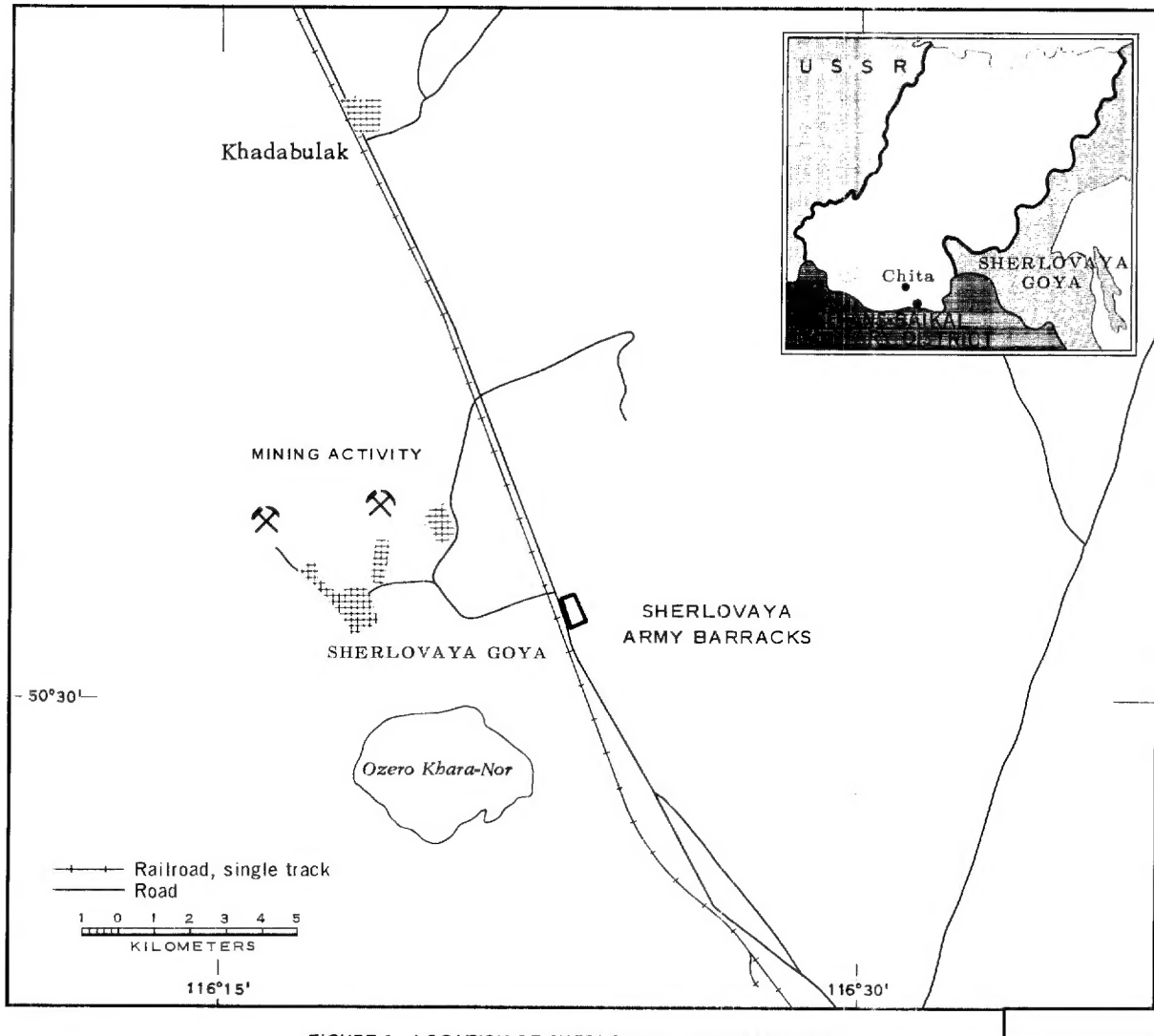


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF SHERLOVAYA ARMY BARRACKS.

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SUMMARY

Sherlovaya Army Barracks (Figure 1) is located on the east edge of Sherlovaya Goya (50-31N 116-23E), 16 kilometers (km) north-northwest of Borzya on the Chita-Otpor line of the Trans-Siberian railroad. The installation has access to two rail sidings and is served by a probable hard surface, all-weather road. The principal civilian activity at Sherlovaya Goya is in support of extensive mining north of the town.

The installation (Figures 2 and 3) encompasses approximately 1,500 acres and includes a total of 111 buildings consisting of 49 administrative/barracks buildings, six general storage buildings, four ammunition storage buildings, 33 support buildings, and 19 vehicle main-

tenance and storage buildings. The installation also includes a POL facility, a small arms range and a tank/self-propelled gun firing range. There is a moderate amount of random tracked vehicle scarring in a driver training area. A new closed-circuit driver training course has been developed between [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The installation has undergone no other apparent physical change since the initial photographic coverage on [REDACTED]. Comparative coverage indicates a consistent level of summer training activity and a probable increase in winter activity between [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] indicates apparent near capacity usage of the installation.

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DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

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Railroad Service

A single rail track with two spurs provides rail service to the storage areas. The remainder of the installation has road-to-rail access.

Road Service

A probable hard surface, all-weather road connects the installation with points north and south. Secondary roads and improved trails connect the surrounding area.

Aircraft Landing Strips

The nearest air facility is 16 km southwest at Borzya (50-23N 116-31E).

Administrative and Troop Housing Areas

Area D1 has 23 barracks, 14 small support buildings (probably latrines) and nine administration buildings/barracks. There is no apparent change since [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] indicates a high level of occupancy. The same apparent activity level appears in the late summer coverage.

Area D2 has five administration buildings, two administration buildings/barracks and four support buildings. The area includes a possible drill field and appears occupied and active.

Area D3 has eight barracks, two administration buildings/barracks and six support buildings. Billeting appears to support the nearby vehicle maintenance and storage facility. Area appears occupied and active.

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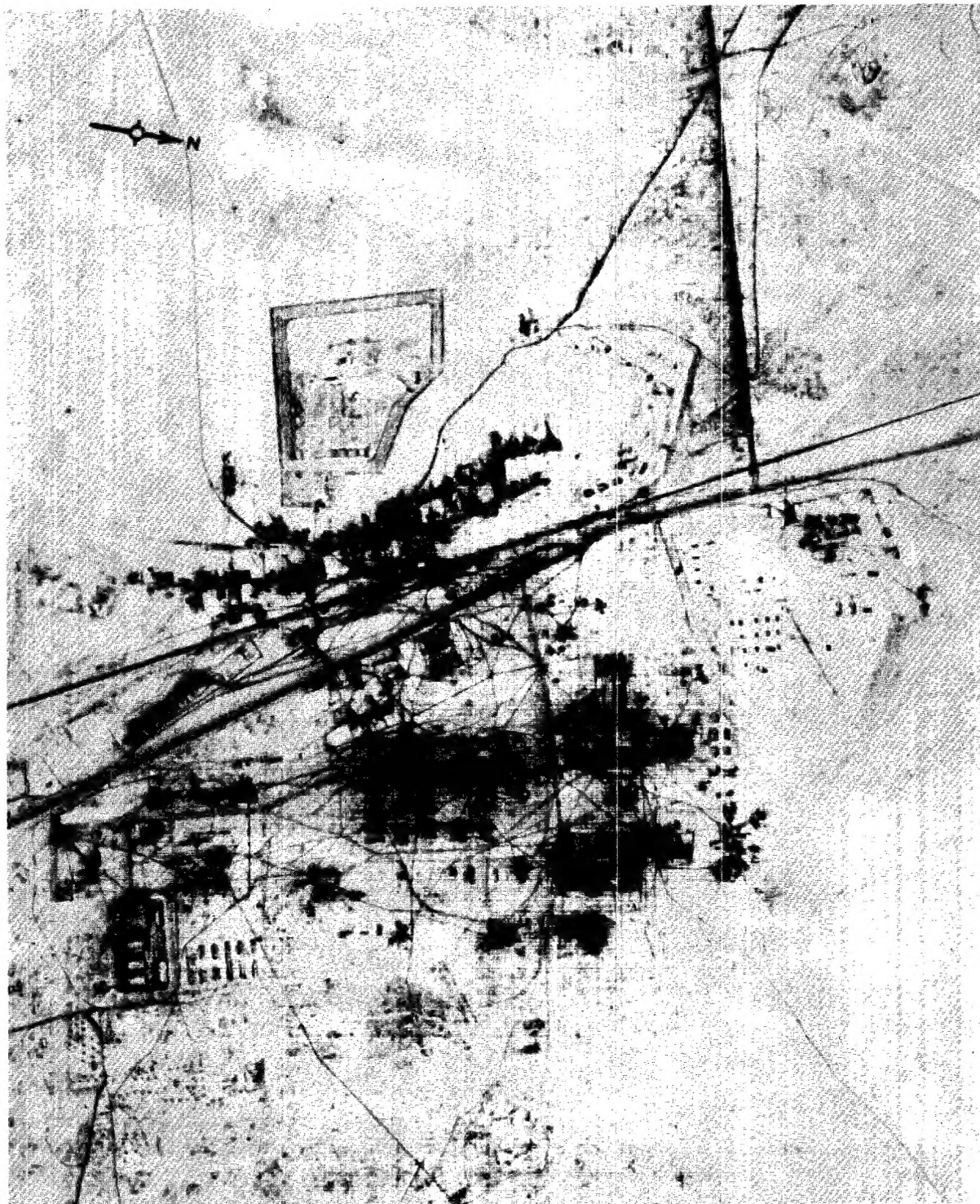


FIGURE 2. SHERLOVAYA ARMY BARRACKS, SHERLOVAYA GOYA, USSR, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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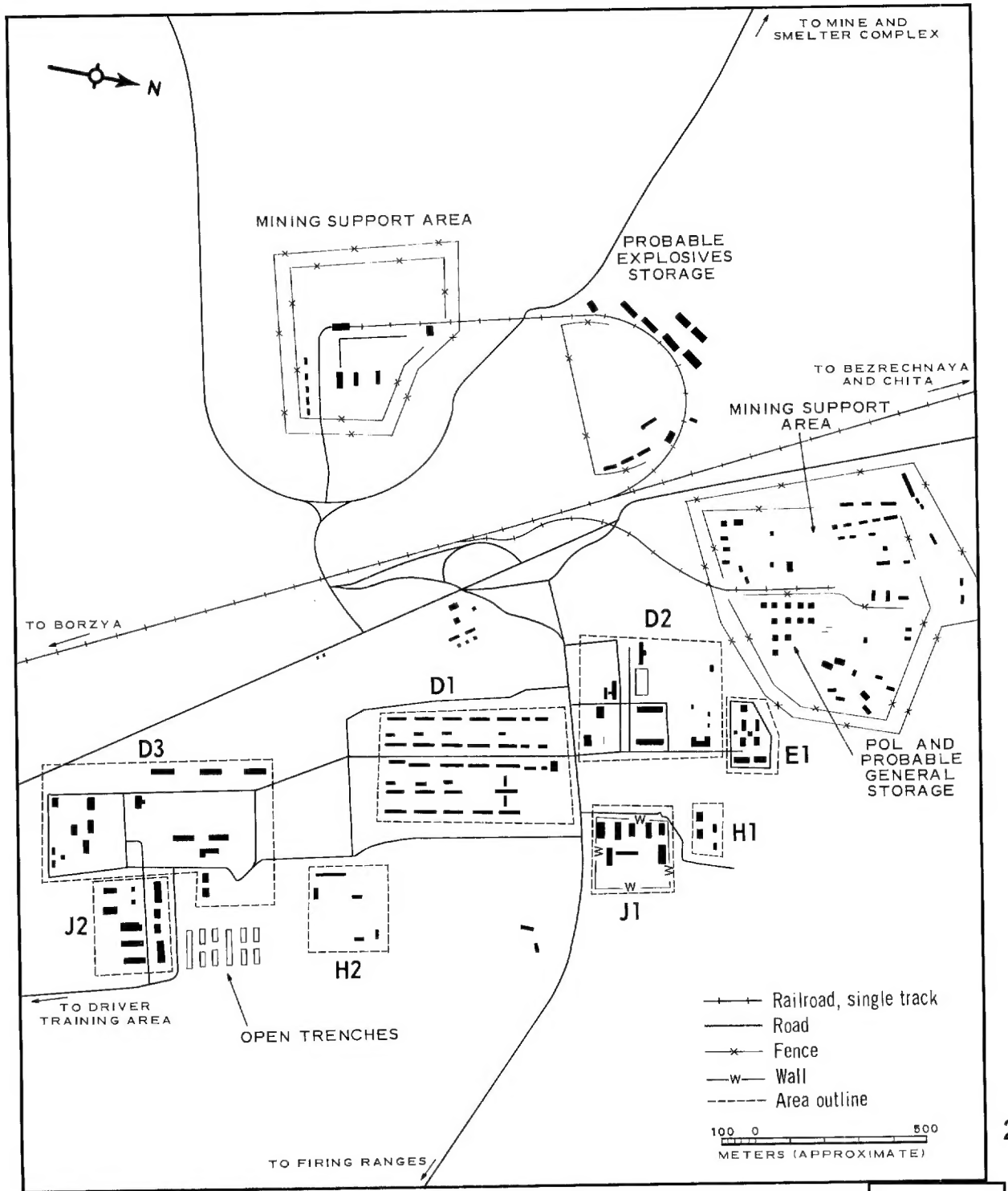


FIGURE 3. SHERLOVAYA ARMY BARRACKS. Sketch compiled from

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General Storage Areas

Area E1 has six storage and two support buildings. It is secured. There is extensive secured general and special storage located immediately north and west of the installation. The access routes and traffic patterns indicate that these facilities are primarily in support of the mining and industrial activity in the area.

parked in an open area identified on Mission [REDACTED]

Area J2 has 11 buildings, of which three are 215 by 65 feet, two are 215 by 85 feet, two are 100 by 50 feet, two are 85 by 55 feet, and two are 50 by 35 feet. The area appears to be associated with tracked vehicles, possibly prime movers or armored personnel carriers. Trackage is directly associated with the driver training course.

Ammunition Storage Areas

A secured ammunition storage area with four 60- by 35-foot bunkers is located in the maneuver and field training facility (not shown on sketch). There is additional probable explosives storage just west of the installation.

Both areas were active in [REDACTED]
There is no apparent change in the facilities or their activity level since [REDACTED]

POL Storage Area

A probable POL and secured storage area is located immediately north of the installation. This facility appears to be in support of the mining and industrial activity in the area. There is no direct access to this facility from the barracks area.

Small Arms Firing Range

The small arms firing range (not shown on sketch) is a 720- by 215-foot known-distance-type range. The last apparent activity was observed [REDACTED]

Driver Training Areas

Two closed-circuit courses (not shown on sketch), one probably for tracked vehicles and one for wheeled/possibly tracked vehicles, are located west of the barracks area. The wheeled/possibly tracked vehicle course was developed between [REDACTED]

Other Buildings

Area H1 has four probable shops and Area H2 has five support buildings.

Equipment Storage/Maintenance Areas

Area J1 has eight buildings, two of which are 180 by 55 feet, three are 120 by 55 feet, two are 160 by 60 feet, and one is 170 by 45 feet. The area appears to be associated with tracked vehicles, probably tanks/self-propelled guns. Possible rows of equipment are

Tank/Assault Gun Firing Range

A 3,500-foot tank/self-propelled gun moving-target range (not on sketch) with three lanes of approximately 3,000 feet is located southwest of the barracks area. The range was active in [REDACTED] inactive in [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] and again active in [REDACTED]

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